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SUBJECT: ICAO SECRETARY GENERAL CANDIDACY

REF: STATE 32687

1. WE INFORMED O. I. GREEN, ASST. SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF TRADE OF U.S. DECISION TO NOMINATE MRS. DILLON FOR ELECTION TO THE POST OF SECRETARY GENERAL OF ICAO. GREEN CLEARLY SURPRISED BY NEWS AND FROM HIS REACTION IT EVIDENT THAT U.S. DECISION PRESENTS SOME DIFFICULTY FOR UK. ALTHOUGH BRITISH CONSIDER MRS. DILLON FULLY QUALIFIED FOR LOB AND IN OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD BE HAPPY TO SUPPORT HER FOR IT, PRESENCE IN THE RACE OF APPARENTLY WELL-QUALIFIED FRENCH CANDIDATE POSES SERIOUS PROBLEM. BRITISH HAVE MADE NO COMMITMENT TO FRENCH CANDIDATE BUT THEY ARE OBVIOUSLY WORRIED THAT COMPETITION BETWEEN TWO STRONG, QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FROM MAJOR AVIATION NATIONS COULD SPLIT VOTE OF AVIATION COUNTRIES AND ALLOW IN THIRD-WORLD CANDIDATE.

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2. BRITISH WOULD DEFINITELY PREFER TO HAVE GENEVA

GROUP COUNTRIES AGREE ON SUPPORT FOR A SINGLE CANDIDATE.  
IN THIS CONNECTION, GREEN ASKED WHETHER U.S. HAD  
SOUNDED OUT FRENCH ON POSSIBILITY OF WITHDRAWING FRENCH  
CANDIDATE. IF SO AND IF FRENCH SEEM SO INCLINED, GREEN  
SAID UK MIGHT BE ABLE TO FURTHER INFLUENCE THEM. GREEN  
ALSO ASKED WHETHER U.S. COULD COUNT ON SUPPORT FOR  
MRS. DILLON FROM LATIN-AMERICAN ICAO COUNCIL MEMBERS.  
GREEN SAID HE THOUGHT FRENCH CANDIDATE MAY BE WEAK  
AMONG LATIN AMERICANS AND THEREFORE IF U.S. COULD LINE  
UP LATIN AMERICANS THIS COULD BE VERY IMPORTANT FACTOR  
IN GETTING SUPPORT FROM OTHER GENEVA GROUP COUNTRIES  
AND ULTIMATELY INFLUENCING FRENCH CANDIDATE TO STAND  
DOWN.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WE COULD SUPPLY  
BRITISH ON HOW MATTERS STAND VIS-A-VIS FRENCH AND  
LATIN AMERICANS ON U.S. CANDIDACY.

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